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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC): TS COMMENTS ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIAL DATA DECLARATIONS

Classified By: Pete Ito, U.S. Delegation to the OPCW. Reasons: 1.5 (B,
D)

¶1. (U) This is CWC-91-03. Action required, see paragraph 7.

¶2. (U) Del representative Betsy Sanders met with Greg Linden, chief of the Information Services Branch (ISB) of the OPCW Technical Secretariat (TS), and Subhash Paradkar, CEO of Sitar, Inc, Annandale, Va. Issues discussed included availability of the foreign language versions of the Common File Transmission System (CFTS) and ISB plans to integrate the CFTS and the RDBMS, develop a security shell, and market the tools for use in the TS and for industry data declarations by States Parties (SP).

¶3. (U) Linden welcomed the availability of the French, Spanish and Russian versions of the CFTS and requested that they be made available to the TS as soon as possible. Del relayed an offer from Washington to demonstrate the foreign language versions, which Linden accepted. Linden offered to make available a conference room so that all interested TS personnel could attend. Del agreed to discuss availability and get back with a proposed date. Linden requested that in any event, the TS be provided copies of the foreign language tools as soon as possible.

¶4. (C) In regard to the proposed use of the U.S. Voluntary Contribution to integrate the CFTS and the RDBMS and develop the security shell, Linden advised that ISB has to overcome a severe perception issue before deploying the computer software within the TS or to interested SPs. Apparently, it is widely perceived within the TS that the CFTS and the RDBMS are tools being imposed by the U.S., and potential users are suspicious of them. In order to overcome this perception, ISB has hired Paradkar as a consultant who will be responsible for integrating the CFTS and the RDBMS and creating the security shell that will ensure that restricted data is available only to those who require access. As part of this effort, Paradkar will transform the RDBMS and the CFTS code into TS-owned code, create the security shell, and then market the result to the verification division to demonstrate its usefulness (predicted deployment in about six months). At the same time, the TS will begin marketing the result to interested SPs, encouraging first the countries with the largest industries to submit their industry data declarations electronically via the tool. The TS hopes that between the various marketing efforts and word of mouth, the tool will be in wide use within about a year's time.

¶5. (C) Due to the perception difficulty, the TS requests that any technical discussions and clarifications of the CFTS and RDBMS code by TS software developers with the Washington-based developers be held in Washington. Linden suggested that perhaps in six months to a year's time, it might be possible to hold such discussions in The Hague if needed.

¶6. (SBU) Linden and Paradkar told Del officer that the TS will finish its preliminary review of the RDBMS and the CFTS on 19 September. Del officer suggested that we meet following EC-33. Topics of discussion could include Washington's specific questions regarding the status of ISB's work and ISB's use of the U.S. Voluntary Contribution for this effort, and Linden and Paradkar could brief Del on the results of their preliminary review and their views regarding future directions.

¶7. (SBU) Action Request: Please advise status of the foreign language versions of the CFTS and whether they can be Fed Ex'ed to The Hague. Please advise whether Washington wishes to sponsor a demonstration of the foreign language versions and if so, please propose dates which can be realyed to Linden. Please advise whether Washington agrees that Del-sponsored meeting with Linden and Paradkar would be a reasonable forum in which to get an update on TS work and to relay/receive answers to Washington's specific questions.

¶8. (U) Ito sends.

